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1. A Soviet military pilot boat stopped a train of barges, coming from the direction of Linz (N 49/V 88), several kilometers upstream of Vienna-Nussdorf for several hours in mid-June 1950. The section of the Danube River near Nussdorf was under heavy artillery fire from the north during that period. When the shelling was over, the train of barges had to move through an extremely narrow lane marked by red buoys. The tugboat captain was cautioned that he might hit a mine unless he stayed in that lane.
2. When the train of barges returned in early July 1950, it went through the same lane and was stopped the same way. But this time there was no artillery shelling of the river section concerned.
3. Other ships in Linz received orders in the meantime to pass through the Danube River section at Nussdorf only in day-time.

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